

March 31, 1983

LB 272, 121

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Beutler, do you wish to speak to the bill as amended?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would just move the advancement of the bill, Mr. President. It simply expands the flexibility of the judges at the district and county level to act in chambers. Thank you.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: There is no persons who wish to speak on this bill. Accordingly, please vote for its advancement as amended.

CLERK: Senator Johnson voting yes.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: The bill is so advanced. Senator Wiltala has requested that we pass over LB 158 and LB 158A. Are there any objections? There being no objections, the bills are passed over. LB 121.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 121 was a bill introduced by Senator Marsh. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 11, referred to Judiciary. It was advanced to General File, Mr. President.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the Legislature, the need to expand the District Court in Lancaster County from its current membership of five judges to the proposed membership of six is evident. In the past the Legislature has delayed the expansion of the court until judicial redistricting studies have been completed. Such studies as expected emphasize the situation which has long been understood by anyone dealing closely with this issue. We do need the additional judge. This condition shall persist as is without the additional judge as long as Lancaster County exists as the seat of state government and the site of the State Penitentiary. I talked with Judge Fahrnbruch earlier this morning and he